

## FIRST DAY.

(Continued.)

(Friday, May 18, 1923.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by Speaker Seagler.

## LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence:

Mr. DeBerry for today and remainder of week on account of important business, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

Mr. Russell of Trinity for today and remainder of the week, on motion of Mr. Culp.

## HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees as follows:

By Mr. Collins, Mr. Bird, Mr. Howeth, Mrs. Wilmans and Mr. Rice:

H. B. No. 29, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the levy and collection of an annual occupation tax from every person pursuing the occupation of a chiropractor within this State, which tax shall be paid annually in advance on or before the first day of January; defining the science of chiropractic and who are chiropractors; providing for the appointment of a board of chiropractor examiners and its qualifications, duties and powers; providing for the qualifications of and subjects in which applicants for licenses to practice chiropractic within this State shall be examined and the time and manner within which said examination shall be held and licenses issued; providing penalties for the violation of this act; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Dinkle:

H. B. No. 30, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the levying and collection of income taxes, upon individuals, firms, corporations, joint stock companies and associations residing or doing business within the State of Texas, and upon non-residents having income from property located in or business transacted within the State of Texas; fixing the rates of tax to be levied and collected from such income;

providing for exemptions of amounts or parts of income, such exemptions to be excepted from said tax; providing the manner of making tax reports to the Comptroller of Texas and returns by individuals, companies and associations; providing penalties for failure to make returns and for the failure to pay said income tax; providing that persons, firms, corporations, companies or associations subject to the provisions of this act, having paid any State ad valorem taxes accruing during any current year for which income taxes are assessed may receive credit upon their income tax assessed during said year for the amount of such ad valorem taxes paid; providing for the disposition of the revenue arising under the provisions of this act; designating what shall constitute income, under the provisions of this act, and allowing certain reductions from gross income for the purpose of calculating net income; providing for the appointment of supervisors and assistants required for the proper administration of the provisions hereof; making an appropriation for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mrs. Wilmans:

H. B. No. 31, A bill to be entitled "An Act changing the name of the Dallas County Circuit Court, located in Dallas county, Texas, to the Dallas County District Court of Domestic Relations, and restricting the jurisdiction in part, and providing for the transfer of cases between the Fourteenth Judicial District Court, and the Forty-fourth Judicial District Court, and the Sixty-eighth Judicial District Court, and the Ninety-fifth Judicial District Court of Dallas county, Texas; providing for the Dallas County District Court to have jurisdiction over all wife and child desertion cases; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; making each court permanent, and providing for an occupation tax."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Baker of Milam:

H. B. No. 32, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Part Three, Chapter 179, of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, 'relating to Workmen's Compensation,' as amended by Chapter 103 of the Acts of

the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 24, requiring the Texas Employers' Insurance Association to pay such taxes as may now be or hereafter be required of private corporations licensed to write workmen's compensation in Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Baker of Milam:

H. B. No. 33, A bill to be entitled "An Act to preserve and protect the wild fur-bearing animals of this State; declaring wild fur-bearing animals to be the property of the State; providing for the issuance of trappers' licenses and the disposition of the license fees; defining offenses and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, and making it the duty of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner and his deputies to enforce the provisions of this act; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Culp:

H. B. No. 34; A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal that portion of the appropriation designated as Vital Statistics, Bureau of Laboratories and Bureau of Communicable Diseases of the appropriation for the Health Department of Texas as provided for in House bill No. 203 passed at the Second Called Session of the Thirty-eighth Legislature, and to provide revenue for the maintenance by providing a fee to be charged up as other cost in divorces and an additional fee for marriage licenses, and appropriating the revenues therefrom for the support and maintenance of the State Health Department of Texas, and to provide for keeping records of marriages and divorces, and providing a penalty for the failure of the county and district clerks to report marriages and divorces to the Health Department of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

#### RELATING TO INHERITANCE TAX LAW.

On motion of Mr. Smith, by unanimous consent, the Speaker was authorized to appoint a committee of three members to look into the matter of enforcement of the inheritance tax law.

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In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee:

Messrs. Smith, Downs and Stevens.

#### RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Culp, the House, at 11:45 o'clock a. m., took recess to 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

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(Continued.)

(Saturday, May 19, 1923.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by Speaker Seagler.

#### HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees as follows:

By Mr. Price and Mr. Bonham:

H. B. No. 35, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend House bill No. 17 passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-eighth Legislature of Texas, and approved by the Governor January 13, 1923, the act amended being an act requiring the Board of Water Engineers and the State Reclamation Engineer in conformity to the statute determining their powers and duties to make and cause to be made, and report to the Governor, an adequate topographic and hydrographic survey of the stream water sheds of the State, to the end that flood control, water conservation and economic utilization in reclamation development may be made practicable; advancing all such work as found feasible in accordance with the relative importance to the public welfare; directing the order in which said surveys and reports shall be made; providing for an appropriation to carry out the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Baldwin:

H. B. No. 36, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 15 of Article 7355 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, relative to occupation taxes; fixing the amount of taxes to be levied on all carnival companies; conferring upon counties, incorporated cities, towns and villages authority to